

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 13, wherein the sealing groove between areas at joints of the individual elements (S, D, E) is covered at least on one of two outer sides by a sealing tape (2.7).

3. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 10, wherein each of the sealing grooves is closed off with a sealing material (2.8) at least on one area adjoining the two outer sides.

4. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 13, wherein joint sides of the individual elements (S, D, E) have connecting tongues (2.4).

5. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 12, wherein the connection at the outer coverings (2.1, 3.1) has connecting elements (2.9) which have grooves open at the sides and tapering conically toward the top, and closure elements (14) which taper toward the top pressable on the connecting

elements (2.9) of the adjoining individual elements (S, D, E) with lateral bevels and clampingly fixable in place.

6. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 13, wherein undersides of the side walls (2) are inserted into U-shaped floor profiles (2.3) open toward the top, and the seals and the connection (2.9, 14) are covered at least on an inside of the secure room with profiled linings (15).

7. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 6, wherein a cable duct (19) for passing cables is installed in at least one side wall element (S) which has an outer packing frame (19.2) with sealing modules (19.1) received therebetween, and the sealing modules (19.1) have feed-through openings for the cables, and have inner walls in removable layers to adapt diameters of the feed-through openings to various cable diameters.

8. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 12, wherein sealing grooves between areas at the joints of the individual elements (S, D, E) are closed off with a sealing material (2.8) at least on one area adjoining the two outer sides.

9. (Currently Amended) In the secure room in accordance with claim [[11]] 22, wherein joint sides of the individual elements (S, D, E) have connecting tongues (2.4).

10. (Currently Amended) In a secure room for a device used in connection with information technology, having fireproof side walls (2) with a door (5), a floor (4) and a ceiling (3), wherein the side walls (2) are assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (S, E) which are arranged side-by-side, are designed fireproof and extend from the floor (4) to the ceiling (3), and the ceiling (3) is assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (D) which are arranged side-by-side and designed fireproof, wherein fireproof sealing elements are arranged in joints between the individual elements (S, D, E) having at least two fireproof layers (I, II, III), and the individual elements (S, D, E) are held against each other by a connection which pushes the sealing elements together, the improvement comprising:

the sealing elements having an expanding seal (2.5) when viewed in a cross section is arranged in a central area and expands in an event of a fire and arranged laterally therefrom high-temperature seals (2.6) which withstand temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade,

the individual elements (S, D, E) constructed in layers with outside layers of steel (2.1, 3.1) arranged on exteriors of the individual elements (S, D, E) and with at least two of the layers (I, II, III) between them, the at least two of the layers withstanding the temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade, and

the connection ~~at the outer coverings (2.1, 3.1)~~ having including connecting elements (2.9) on at least one of the outside layers (2.1, 3.1) in an area of sealing grooves and closure elements (14), the connecting elements having which have grooves, open at sides and tapering conically toward the top, [[and]] wherein the closure elements (14) which taper toward the top are pressable on the connecting elements (2.9) of [[the]] adjoining individual elements (S, D, E) with lateral bevels and clampingly fixable in place.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) In a secure room for a device used in connection with information technology, having fireproof side walls (2) with a door (5), a floor (4) and a ceiling (3), wherein the side walls (2) are assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (S, E) which are arranged side-by-side, are designed fireproof and extend from the floor (4) to the ceiling (3), and the ceiling (3) is

assembled from plate-shaped individual elements (D) which are arranged side-by-side and designed fireproof, wherein fireproof sealing elements are arranged in joints between the individual elements (S, D, E) having at least two fireproof layers (I, II, III), and the individual elements (S, D, E) are held against each other by a connection which pushes the sealing elements together, the improvement comprising:

the sealing elements having an expanding seal (2.5) when viewed in a cross section is arranged in a central area and expands in an event of a fire and arranged laterally therefrom high-temperature seals (2.6) which withstand temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade,

the individual elements (S, D, E) are constructed in layers with outside layers of steel (2.1, 3.1) arranged on exteriors of the individual elements (S, D, E) and with at least two of the layers (I, II, III) between them, the at least two of the layers withstanding the temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade, and

a cable duct (19) for passing cables installed in at least one side wall element (S) having an outer packing frame (19.2) with sealing modules (19.1) received therebetween, and the sealing modules (19.1) having feed-through openings for the cables, and having inner walls in removable layers to adapt diameters of the feed-through openings to various cable diameters.

13. (Previously Presented) In a secure room for devices in connection with information technology, having fireproof side walls (2) with a door (5), a floor (4) enclosed by the side walls (2) and a ceiling (3), wherein the side walls (2) and the ceiling (3) are formed of individual elements arranged side-by-side and connected with each other at joints, the improvement comprising:

the individual elements including side wall elements (S), one-piece corner elements (E), and ceiling elements (D) constructed in layers with outer layers (2.1, 3.1) of steel arranged on exteriors of the individual elements (S, D, E) and with at least two fireproof layers (I, II, III) between them, wherein the at least two fireproof layers withstand the temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade;

a fire-protective sealing element arranged in each of the joints, the sealing element including an expanding seal (2.5) in a central area of each of the joints, high-temperature seals (2.6) arranged laterally to the expanding seal (2.5), and a sealing material (2.8) closing off a sealing groove of each of the joints in an area adjoining at least one of the outer layers (2.1, 3.1), wherein each of the high-

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temperature seals (2.6) withstands temperatures up to several hundred degrees Centigrade; and

the individual elements (S, D, E) held against each other by a connection which pushes the sealing element together, the connection including connecting elements (2.9) on the outer layers (2.1, 3.1) in the area of the joints and closure elements (14), the connecting elements (2.9) having grooves open at the sides and tapering conically toward the top, and the closure elements (14) tapering toward the top and having lateral bevels, wherein the closure elements (14) are pressable on the connecting elements (2.9) of adjoining individual elements (S, D, E) and clampingly fixed in place.

14. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 10, wherein the joints of the individual elements (S, D, E) are covered at least on one of two outer sides by a sealing tape (2.7).

15. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 10, wherein joint sides of the individual elements (S, D, E) have connecting tongues (2.4).

16. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 10, wherein undersides of the side walls (2) are inserted into U-shaped floor profiles (2.3) open toward the top, and the seals and the connection (2.9, 14) are covered at least on an inside of the secure room with profiled linings (15).

17. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 10, wherein a cable duct (19) for passing cables is installed in at least one side wall element (S) which has an outer packing frame (19.2) with sealing modules (19.1) received therebetween, and the sealing modules (19.1) have feed-through openings for the cables, and have inner walls in removable layers to adapt diameters of the feed-through openings to various cable diameters.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) In the secure room in accordance with claim [[11]] 13, wherein a cable duct (19) for passing cables is installed in at least one side wall element (S) which has an outer packing frame (19.2) with sealing modules (19.1) received therebetween, and the sealing modules (19.1) have feed-through openings for the cables, and have inner walls in removable layers to adapt diameters of the feed-through openings to various cable diameters.

20. (Currently Amended) In the secure room in accordance with claim [[11]] 9, wherein the joints of the individual elements (S, D, E) are covered at least on one of two outer sides by a sealing tape (2.7).

21. (Previously Presented) In the secure room in accordance with claim 12, wherein joint sides of the individual elements (S, D, E) have connecting tongues (2.4).

22. (New) In the secure room in accordance with claim 13,
wherein undersides of the side walls (2) are inserted into U-shaped floor profiles (2.3)
open toward the top.